General Finance and Investment Company Limited to show cause why Directors be not appointed on their Board of Directors under section 408 of the Companies Act, 1956. No final decision has yet been taken.

(d) Government have no proposal at present under consideration to nationalise the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited or to amalgamate it with any other agency.

I.E.S./I.S.S. Examination

2968. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for holding Indian Economic Service/Indian Statistical Service Examination in 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for which the Examinations are not being held and what would be the fate of the candidates intending to appear in these examinations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) The cadre structures of IES/ISS have suffered from some distortions over a period of time. Various steps have been taken in the recent past to improve the promotion prospects of the officers of the two services. These measures include merger of Grades II and I, upgration of 44 & 36 posts to Grade II (merged with Grade I) in Indian Economic Service and Indian Statistical Service respectively and stoppage of direct recruitment in Grades I and II including a temporary suspension of direct recruitment to the above two services. The issue of holding IES/ISS Examination for 1988 is under consideration. In any exercise aimed at restructuring of the cadres, the overall interest of all concerned segments has to subsume the interests of individual segments.

Setting up of industries in Assam

2969. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Government of Assam for getting the North Eastern Council fully involved in the setting-up of industries in the no-Industry Districts in Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) No proposal from the Government of Assam for getting North Eastern Council (NEC) fully involved in setting up industries in no-industry Districts in Assam has been received. However, while preparing the draft proposals for Annual Plan 1987-88 of the NEC by the NEC Secretariat, the Government of Assam submitted a scheme as a supplementary scheme to the Seventh Plan of the North Eastern Council for infrastructural development of No Industry Districts of Assam at an estimated cost of Rs 200 lakhs. The NEC Secretariat did not include the scheme in the draft proposals as there was no approved outlay for taking up of such activities in the NEC Plan.

Major projects of Assam

2970. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major projects successfully completed by the North Eastern council in Assam; and

(b) what is the total number of projects awaiting completion and the year

of starting these projects and probable time of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Major projects successfully completed by the North Eastern Council in Assam are as under:

(1) Two units of 25 MW each of Kopili Hydel project;

(2) Kalia Bhomora bridge across the river Brahmaputra near Tezpur;

(3) Construction/improvement of 1610 kms of roads;

(4) Construction of 220 KV transmission line from Kopili to Samaguri and 132 KV line from Khondong-Kopili-Haflong.

(5) Construction/improvement of three floating jetties and night navigation facilities in the Brahmaputra river from Tezpur to Jogighopa;

(6) Setting up of North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation with headquarters at Guwahati;

(7) Coffee processing factory at Guwahati;

(8) Foundation Seed Farm for major field crops at Lalpool in Darang district;

(9) Regional Banana Farm at Kheroni in Karbi Anglong district;

(10) Jhum Control Programme at Ranga Catchment area;

(11) Expansion of Biological Production Centre at Guwahati;

(12) Starting of B. Pharmacy course at Dibrugarh University; and

(13) Setting up of Regional Dental College and Regional Nursing College at Guwahati.

(b) Major projects awaiting completion during the Seventh Plan are as mentioned below:

(1) Two units of 50 MW each of Kopili Hydel Project;

(2) Regional Feed Testing Laboratory at Guwahati;

(3) Broiler Chick Production Centre, Guwahati;

(4) Construction of another three floating jetties;

(5) Construction/improvement of about 470 kms of road expansion programme; and

(6) Expansion of Regional Dental College and Regional Nursing Collage.

Take-over of Tocklai Tea Research Centre, Jorhat

2971. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for taking over of Tocklai Tea Research Centre at Jorhat in view of its mismanagement and consequent loss in various spheres; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

2972[*Transferred to the 24th August*, 1987.]

Nationalisation of Peerless

2973. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a memorandum signed by some